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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Rita S. Mandosa, Esq.
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Re: Ronald Shamon v. U.S. Dep't of Veterans Affairs

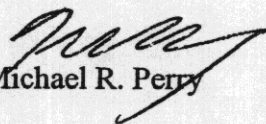
Dear Ms. Mandosa:

By this letter, Ronald Shamon amends his claim filed on Standard Form 95 with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Office of Regional Counsel on December 5, 2002. For ease of reference, a copy of Mr. Shamon's filing is included herewith.

In addition to the claims asserted in Mr. Shamon's December 5, 2002, filing, Patricia Shamon, the wife of claimant Ronald Shamon, hereby submits a claim for loss of consortium. As a direct result of the negligence of the doctors and medical staff of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Patricia Shamon has lost the love, companionship, care, counsel and affection of plaintiff, Ronald Shamon. In addition, Ronald and Patricia Shamon amend the amount of their claims to \$1,000,000 resulting from the injuries they have suffered.

If there any questions concerning this amendment, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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